

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Lee Westrum, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, City Attorney Don Wilcox, and Dan Johnson.

The first item discussed was consideration of the purchase of the Benson Market Company north side buildings. Benson Market Company owns the buildings and leases the land from Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. Benson Market Company has a party interested in purchasing the buildings. There was discussion on what to do with the buildings after the purchase and leasing or purchasing the property. BNSF has a moratorium on the sale of land to the end of the year. After discussion, it was moved by Claussen, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to purchase the Benson Market Company north side buildings for \$75,000 with \$2,000 earnest money, and to be contingent on the transfer of the lease.

The City Manager informed the Council of a nuisance issue with a number of abandon/junk vehicles at Tom's Service at 208 – 14th Street South. Staff has talked to the owner a couple of times but the nuisance issue has not been corrected. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to schedule a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on November 13, 2006 if the nuisance issue is not corrected.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 400 AMR–load management units in the amount of \$72,800 from Omni-Pro Software.

The City Manager updated the Council on the wind turbine project.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Ed Ulmaniec to fill a vacancy on the Hospital Board effective January 1, 2007 with his term expiring December 31, 2009.

The Public Works Director presented a 2006 Concrete Project for the Council's consideration. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize going out for quotes and proceed with the 2006 Concrete Project in a not to exceed amount of \$12,000.

The Public Works Director requested authorization to purchase about 600 Ton of seal coat rock at \$8.50 per Ton for the 2007 season. This is a good price and billing will be delayed until after the first of the year. The seal coat rock will be stockpiled by the Street Garage. It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of about 600 Ton of seal coat rock at \$8.50 per Ton.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Manager